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SUBJECT: ALLON ON ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM TOON

1. IN MY JULY 12 CALL ON ALLON, WE BRIEFLY REVIEWED PROSPECTS FOR RENEWING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS OF THE LEBANESE SITUATION IMPROVES. ALLON CONFIRMED THAT ISRAEL REMAINS PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR END-OF-WAR AGREEMENTS IF THE ARABS ARE INTERESTED. NATURALLY, BEFORE WE PROCEED VERY FAR DOWN THE NEGOTIATING TRACK, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE MEANING OF THE END-OF-WAR CONCEPT. ALLON SAID THAT HE WOULD EMPHASIZE ISRAELI READINESS TO MOVE FORWARD IN HIS PRESENTATION TO THE JEWISH AGENCY BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON JULY 15.

2. ALLON SAID THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE ARAB STATES HAVE NOT FINALLY REJECTED THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL. DIRECTOR GENERAL AVINERI ADDED THAT THE ARABS HAVE GONE NO FURTHER THAN TO EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS FORMULA. I SAID IT WAS OUR HOPE ALSO THAT THE ARABS STILL HAD LEFT THE DOOR OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT DERIVE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THEIR PUBLIC TREATMENT OF THE PROPOSAL.
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3. ALLON ASKED WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION WAS PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. I TOLD HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE INDEED WAS PREPARED TO EXPLOIT ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT REGARDLESS OF THE IMPACT ON THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE. ALLON ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN VERY FAIR AND ACCURATE

IN DESCRIBING THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. THE PRESIDENT
HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT ISRAEL HAD COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL
FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE NEXT STEP WAS UP TO THE
ARABS.
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